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Washington State Ferries Keystone Citizen Advisory Group Meets to Discuss Studies

(SEATTLE) The Keystone Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) will meet with Washington State Ferries (WSF) for the second time on Thursday, June 24, 2004, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Camp Casey Conference Center, Auditorium B, 1276 Engle Road on Whidbey Island in Coupeville, Washington. The Keystone CAG will meet intermittently between now and December 1, 2004 when a final report is due to the Washington Legislative Transportation Committee.

This meeting of the CAG will focus on what technical analyses to conduct as part of determining the viability of the existing Keystone Harbor for the Keystone – Pt. Townsend ferry route. Members of the public are welcome to view the proceedings and provide comment to the CAG at the conclusion of the meeting.

The Washington State Legislature directed the formation of the Keystone CAG in early 2004 when it appropriated \$1 million for WSF to study the existing Keystone Harbor for the Keystone – Pt. Townsend ferry route. The CAG will help guide WSF's harbor analysis. As directed by the legislature, the CAG is composed of one WSF pilot; two regular users of the route and one tug boat pilot. CAG members were officially appointed by the Washington State Transportation Commission at their April 2004 meeting.

A representative of the Secretary of Transportation will also attend the CAG meetings.

For more information and directions to the Camp Casey Conference Center, please visit http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/improvement_projects/ptkey.

Created on June 1, 1951, Washington State Ferries (WSF) is the largest ferry system in the United States and the largest ferry system in the world based on vehicles carried annually (11+ million). Over 24 million people a year ride on Washington State Ferries. WSF has a fleet of 28 vessels and operates 20 terminals throughout Puget Sound, from Point Defiance in the south, to Sidney, B.C., in the north. Thousands of commuters, employers, students and commercial shippers depend on WSF every day for safe, reliable transportation across the Sound.